

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. – 4. (Cancelled)

5. (Currently Amended) A double cooler apparatus, comprising in combination:

an outer housing shell;

an inner housing shell disposed within the outer housing shell and coupled thereto to form an outer reservoir, wherein the inner and outer housing shells comprise a housing;

an inner core residing within the inner shell to form an inner reservoir;

a first tap coupled to the outer reservoir and passing through the outer shell to provide access to and permit dispensing of a liquid stored in the outer reservoir;

a second tap coupled to the inner reservoir and passing through both the inner shell and the outer shell to provide access to and permit dispensing of a liquid stored in the inner reservoir;

a vent spout in fluid communication with the inner reservoir;

a drain spout in fluid communication with the inner reservoir; and

a lid for closing the housing, the lid having both an outer seal adjacent a periphery thereof to seal the outer reservoir and an inner seal to seal the inner reservoir,

wherein, when the lid is fully engaged with the housing, both the inner and outer reservoirs are sealed by the inner and outer seals and the vent spout and drain spout are closed, ~~[and]~~

wherein, when the lid is lifted from full engagement without removal from engagement with the housing, the vent spout and drain spout are revealed and the inner seal is opened to permit draining the inner reservoir through the drain spout and venting through the vent spout to facilitate the draining, without permitting fluid communication between the inner and outer reservoirs, and

wherein, when the lid is removed from engagement with the housing, both the inner and outer seals are unsealed to open the inner and outer reservoirs.

6. (Previously Presented) The double cooler apparatus according to claim 5, further comprising a cup holder bracket coupled to the outer shell.

7. (Previously Presented) The double cooler apparatus according to claim 5, further comprising a pair of handles coupled to the outer shell to facilitate lifting of the double cooler apparatus.

8. (Currently Amended) The double cooler apparatus according to claim 7, further comprising a tie coupling the lid to at least one of the handles ~~the handle~~.

9. (Previously Presented) The double cooler apparatus according to claim 5, further comprising means for coupling the lid to the outer shell.

10. (Previously Presented) The double cooler apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the inner reservoir has a fluid capacity of approximately two gallons.

11. (Previously Presented) The double cooler apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the outer reservoir has a fluid capacity of approximately five gallons excluding the capacity of the inner reservoir.

12. (Previously Presented) The double cooler apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the housing has an approximately circular cross-section.

13. (Previously Presented) The double cooler apparatus according to claim 5, further comprising foam insulation injected between the inner and outer shells.

14. (Currently Amended) A double cooler apparatus, comprising in combination:
an outer housing shell;

an inner housing shell disposed within the outer housing shell and coupled thereto to form an outer reservoir, wherein the inner and outer housing shells comprise a housing;

a layer of insulation disposed between the inner and outer shells;

an inner core residing within the inner shell to form an inner reservoir;

a first tap coupled to the outer reservoir and passing through the outer shell to provide access to and permit dispensing of a liquid stored in the outer reservoir;

a second tap coupled to the inner reservoir and passing through both the inner shell and the outer shell to provide access to and permit dispensing of a liquid stored in the inner reservoir;

venting means in fluid communication with the inner reservoir, for providing air venting to the inner reservoir;

draining means in fluid communication with the inner reservoir, for providing a drain for fluid within the inner reservoir; and

a lid for closing the housing, the lid having both an outer seal adjacent a periphery thereof to seal the outer reservoir and an inner seal to seal the inner reservoir,

wherein, when the lid is in a first position with respect to the housing, both the inner and outer reservoirs are sealed by the inner and outer seals and the venting means and the draining means are closed, ~~[and]~~

wherein, when the lid is in a second position with respect to the housing, the venting means and draining means are opened to permit draining the inner reservoir through the draining means and venting through the venting means to facilitate the draining, without permitting fluid communication between the inner and outer reservoirs, and

wherein, when the lid is removed from engagement with the housing, both the inner and outer seals are unsealed to open the inner and outer reservoirs.

15. (Previously Presented) The double cooler apparatus according to claim 14, further comprising a cup holder bracket coupled to the outer shell.

16. (Previously Presented) The double cooler apparatus according to claim 14, further comprising a pair of handles coupled to the outer shell to facilitate lifting of the double cooler apparatus.

17. (Currently Amended) The double cooler apparatus according to claim 16, further comprising a tie coupling the lid to at least one of the handles ~~the handle~~.

18. (Previously Presented) The double cooler apparatus according to claim 14, further comprising means for coupling the lid to the outer shell.

19. (Previously Presented) The double cooler apparatus according to claim 14, wherein the inner reservoir has a fluid capacity of approximately two gallons.

20. (Previously Presented) The double cooler apparatus according to claim 14, wherein the outer reservoir has a fluid capacity of approximately five gallons excluding the capacity of the inner reservoir.

21. (Previously Presented) The double cooler apparatus according to claim 14, wherein the housing has an approximately circular cross-section.

22. (Currently Amended) A double cooler apparatus, comprising in combination:

an outer housing shell;

an inner housing shell disposed within the outer housing shell and coupled thereto to form an outer reservoir, wherein the inner and outer housing shells comprise a housing, and wherein the housing has an approximately circular cross-section;

a foam insulation layer injected between the inner and outer shells;

an inner core residing within the inner shell to form an inner reservoir having fluid capacity of approximately two gallons, and wherein the fluid capacity of the inner housing shell with the inner core in place is approximately five gallons;

a pair of handles coupled to the outer shell to facilitate lifting of the double cooler apparatus;

a first tap coupled to the outer reservoir and passing through the outer shell to provide access to and permit dispensing of a liquid stored in the outer reservoir;

a second tap coupled to the inner reservoir and passing through both the inner shell and the outer shell to provide access to and permit dispensing of a liquid stored in the inner reservoir;

a vent spout in fluid communication with the inner reservoir;

a drain spout in fluid communication with the inner reservoir; and

a lid for closing the housing, the lid having both an outer seal adjacent a periphery thereof to seal the outer reservoir and an inner seal to seal the inner reservoir,

wherein, when the lid is fully engaged with the housing, both the inner and outer reservoirs are sealed by the inner and outer seals and the vent spout and drain spout are closed,

and wherein, when the lid is lifted from full engagement with the housing without removal from engagement from the housing, the vent spout and drain spout are revealed and the inner seal is opened to permit draining the inner reservoir through the drain spout and venting through the vent spout to facilitate the draining, without permitting fluid communication between the inner and outer ~~reservoirs~~ reservoirs,

wherein, when the lid is removed from engagement with the housing, both the inner and outer seals are unsealed to open the inner and outer reservoirs; and

means for coupling the lid to the outer shell.

23. (Previously Presented) The double cooler apparatus according to claim 5, further comprising a cup holder bracket coupled to the outer shell.

24. (Currently Amended) The double cooler apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the means for coupling the lid to the outer shell comprises a tie coupling the lid to at least one of the handles ~~the handle~~.